

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-32 are active. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled. Claims 18-20 and 31-32 have been allowed. Independent claims 11 and 21 have been revised to include the limitations of allowed method claims 18 and 19. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration of this amendment and allowance of this case are respectfully requested.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5, 11-17 and 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isono, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,871,477. This rejection is now moot. Composition claims 1-5 have been cancelled without prejudice to their representation in a continuation application. Independent claim 11 now incorporates the limitations of claims 18 and 19 which have been allowed. Claims 12-17 depend from claim 11 and claims 22-30 from claim 21. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank Examiner Henry for indicating the allowability of claims 18-20 and 31-32.

Conclusion


This application presents allowable subject matter and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass it to issue. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned should a further discussion of the issues or claims be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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